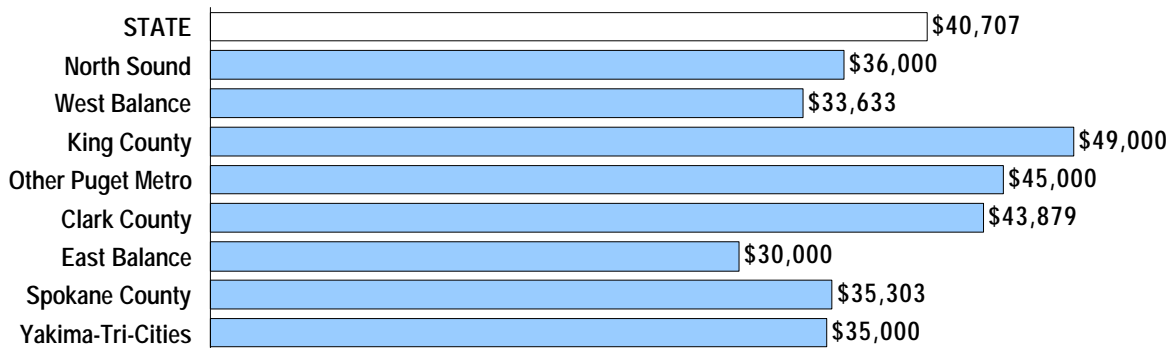
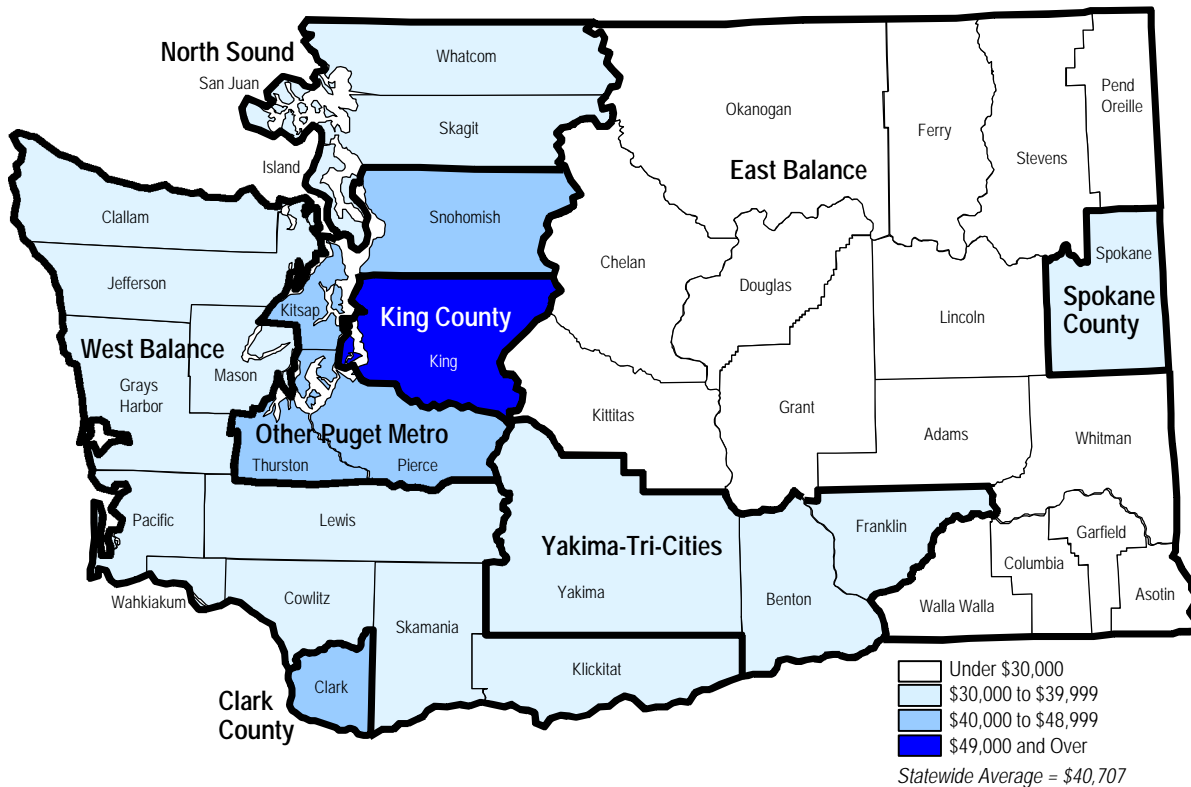


Median Household Income

WASHINGTON STATE



- The median is a positional measure and marks the point where half the households are above and half fall below. Unlike the arithmetic mean, the median is not influenced by extreme observations. Information on the mean is in the Appendix.
- King County and the surrounding core Puget Sound metro Counties – along with Clark County, a Portland suburb – reported the highest household income medians. Non-metro eastern Washington had the lowest median.

About the State Population Survey

The **Washington State Population Survey** was conducted in the spring of 1998 to provide social, demographic, and economic information about Washington residents that would otherwise not be available between the 1990 and 2000 federal census years.

Responses to the survey were obtained from telephone interviews of 7,279 households that represent the state population as a whole. The survey was designed by the **Office of Financial Management** and conducted by the **Washington State University Social and Economic Sciences Research Center**.

Data from the survey, as well as a background report titled, *1998 Washington State Population Survey Data Report*, are available electronically at <http://www.wa.gov/ofm/> under **Population/Data**, or by calling the Office of Financial Management at (360) 902-0599.